

EIMS & SIF News

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Special Request for EIMS Reports

Please email me
your suggestions
for new EIMS
Quick Click reports
to be evaluated for
inclusion in the
next EIMS release
planned for May/
June.

Thanks,

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Many divisions have been experiencing Page Not Displayed messages—seems more so lately.

Many of the occurrences are fixed by changing the Internet Explorer settings (see instructions below). But in others instances the problem persists. We have discovered that this is not usually an EIMS Server related issue, but a local network issue. There are security related settings on the local servers that are restricting secure packages with large volumes to be sent and received within the local setup. The network administrator may need to bypass the local proxy server in order to get EIMS to function properly.

EIMS Page Not Displayed Message

For details go to: <http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Technology/EIMS/ under Topics>

Reporting Solutions Level II support team will work with divisions to assist them in this matter and if there are other causes we will investigate them. If you still have chronic problems call or email me at: peter.coleman@doe.virginia.gov

Changing Internet Explorer Options

1. Open IE and click on Tools on the menu bar
2. Click on Internet Options and click on the Advance tab
3. Scroll down under Browsing to "Show Friendly HTTP error messages"
4. Remove the check from the box and click Apply and OK

An aside note: Mozilla Firefox seems to work better.

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Split and Merge Enhancements

Some of you might have noticed and used the new Split/Merge interface. It's very powerful because you can drag and drop transaction history, so the correct history moves with the right STI.

Split and Merging records may seem to risky to put into the hands of users, but data users routinely execute split and merge functions when they resolve students in Needs Resolution (New Student = Split and Same Student = Merge).

We have received feedback that the interface is not intuitive and the instructions need to be improved, so we are

looking into that. In the meantime we would like to set up some **training via live WebEx sessions** to walk folks through the process by example.

The WebEx sessions will held on:
Feb. 13, 14 & 15th at 10AM

Please send me an email if you want to participate in a session and specify the preferred date at:

peter.coleman@doe.virginia.gov

SIF Training

Edustructures has released a new version of the Student Locator Framework agent (EIMS) and is offering free training on the new interface every Tuesday and Friday at 10:00AM.

This session is encouraged for SIF and non-SIF divisions.

Please join the session at:

<https://www.gotomeeting.com/join/219794913>

Conference Call: Dial (641) 985-1010, access code 219-794-913

Meeting ID: 219-794-913

Incredible News About Vertical SIF

In addition to processing ADD events, the April release of the Student/Locator Framework agent will process CHANGE events from your student information system for all EIMS fields!

This means any demographic or student enrollment status changes entered into your SIS EIMS will be updated to reflect that change. So EIMS will have the same data as your SIS!

It will also improve the accuracy of the Transfer Report and Need Resolution processing.

Four Reason for Implementing SIF

1. Student/Resolver agent cost = \$0
2. Student Information System agent cost = \$0
3. ZISWorks software costs = \$0
4. Not having to upload data to EIMS = priceless

Other SIS Agent Status

StarStudent

Contracting has been slow and Chancery wants to complete the programming on the write-back feature before releasing the agent to us, so deployment has been delayed. We expect to start implementing implement shortly.

SMS and STI

We have preliminary information from these two vendors and we hope to have more information available soon.

SASI & CIMS

There are **over 60 divisions** using SIF and almost half of them are using or planning other SIF agents. Call me to become a SIF user and enjoy all the current benefits and be positioned for future enhancements!

SIF Installations as of the end of January 2006

Virginia's SIF Installations

